

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PERSONS CLAIMING LANDS AS PRIVATE TO PLACE CONCRETE, STONE, OR WOODEN MONUMENTS AT THE CORNERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CLAIMS SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT, PROVINCE...

Act No. 3090, March 16, 1923

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Whenever the public interests require that titles to lands be settled and adjudicated in accordance with the free patent provisions of the Public Land Act Numbered Twenty-eight hundred and seventy-four, and the Governor-General, under section forty-two of said Act, fixes by proclamation the period within which applications for free patents may be filed with the Bureau of Lands in the district, province, municipality, or region specified in such proclamation, it shall be the duty of all persons claiming lands as private situated within said district, province, municipality, or region included in the proclamation of the Governor-General to place or cause to be placed concrete, stone or wooden monuments at the corners of their respective claims so as to indicate the boundary lines thereof. This law shall not be construed as changing¹, altering, or in any way modifying the provisions of the existing law relative to the acquisition of real property in the Philippine Islands. The Director of Lands shall give notice of such requirement to the general public by publication in the Official Gazette in both English and Spanish languages once a week for a period of at least four weeks, and in one English and one Spanish newspapers published in Manila or in the district, province, municipality, or region, if any, for a like period. Such notice shall be furnished to the Provincial Board and Municipal Council affected to be posted at conspicuous places in the provincial and municipal buildings and at the bulletin board of each barrio of the municipality. It shall, moreover, be translated into the local dialects and announced by bandillos or public criers in all the places affected once a week for a period of four consecutive weeks.

SEC. 2. Any claimant of such lands, who willfully refuses to comply with the requirements of the foregoing section within the period specified in the proclamation of the Governor-General, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred pesos or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of said court.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

Approved, March 16, 1923.

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